

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the following:

--An imaging apparatus includes an image data generating unit, an authentication data generating unit and an authentication unit. The image data generating unit generates first image data. The authentication data generating unit generates first authentication data. The authentication unit has (a) a first authentication mode where said authentication unit authenticates, using the first authentication data, whether the first image data has been altered, and (b) a second authentication mode where said authentication unit authenticates, using second authentication data generated by a second imaging apparatus, whether second image data generated by the second imaging apparatus has been altered.--